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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
ATTENTION : ST/PC - [REDACTED] 25X1A  
SUBJECT : Economic "Freedoms" in Poland, Czechoslovakia  
and Hungary  
REFERENCE : Case [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 1. We will appreciate it if your office will provide us with information on the status of economic freedoms in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary at the present time, along lines of the attached outline, a copy of which we have already given to [REDACTED]

2. Inasmuch as we plan to compare the data with similar information concerning Yugoslavia, raw or "semi-finished" material will be sufficient for our purposes. We would like to have a brief statement of the present state of economic privileges enjoyed by citizens in the three satellites, indications of decentralization or relaxation of controls, and, wherever possible, examples.

25X1A 3. To meet the deadline for our finished report, we would like to have the information by 27 April, if possible.

4. This requirement has been discussed informally by [REDACTED] of ORR and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

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OUTLINE: Status of Economic "Freedoms" in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary

I. General Economic

- A. Relative Emphasis on Consumer and Capital Goods
- B. Standard of Living
  - 1. Cost of Living
  - 2. Real Wages
  - 3. Availability of Consumer Goods
  - 4. Relation to Western Trade
- C. Domestic Trade
  - 1. Free vs. Fixed Prices
  - 2. Prices Received by Farmers
  - 3. Marketing of Handicraft Goods
- D. Foreign Trade (Value and Kinds of Consumer Goods Imports)

II. Agricultural

- A. Socialized Sector (State, Collective, and Cooperative Farms)
  - 1. Evolution and Current Trends in Policy and Implementation of Collectivization
  - 2. Percentage of Peasant Families
  - 3. Comparative Percentages of Arable Land
  - 4. Decision-Making
  - 5. Stringency of Delivery Quotas
  - 6. Personal Property Ownership
- B. Private Farming
  - 1. Extent
  - 2. Availability of Equipment
  - 3. Marketing of Goods

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### III. Industrial

#### A. Organizational Decentralization

1. Planning Procedures
2. Decision-Making Levels
3. Functions and Power of Workers Councils of Yugoslavia

#### B. Trade Unions

1. Economic Functions
2. Representation of Worker Interests

#### C. Worker-Management Relations

#### D. Worker Welfare and Benefits Practices